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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT Of THE INTERIOR B-3898
Washington D.C. 20243

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part I, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part I of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

NAME OF ^{8Q5} Cathedral Street
Address of property. Street 803-805 Cathedral Street
City Baltimore State Maryland Zip Code 21201
County _____
Name of historic district in which property is located: Mount Vernon Place (Expanded) Historic District
Significance Certified June 9, 1980

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:

(see Instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

803 Cathedral Street is a brick, four-story building (with attic) six bays wide. The ground floor is faced with brownstone on the west (principal) elevation with the single, central entrance flanked by a pair of windows. At the top of the building six courses of brick step outward supporting wooden brackets and a wooden (see back).

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary)

803 Cathedral Street contributes to the significance of the Mount Vernon Historic District. The District is significant as a residential, in-town neighborhood containing individual, landmark structures (e.g., Peabody Conservatory) linked by (see back)

Date of construction (if known): 1850 Original site ☐ Moved ☐ Date of alterations (if known): 1890
1950'S

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

803 Cathedral Associates - Robert Russell
Name _____
c/o Investment Counselors of MD, 803 Cathedral Street
Street _____
City Baltimore State MD Zip Code 21201
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code 301-539-3838

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above.

5. Signature _____ Q*-2_=(1, ' jt 3

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The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure appears to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and will likely be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

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State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and is subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

It is hereby certified a historic structure.

Does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet.

Signature _____
Keeper of the National Register

2. Description of Physical Appearance (continued) B-3898

cornice. The windows (altered by the previous owner) have one over one sash. Those on the second floor are longer than the others indicating the location of the parlor floor. The four ground floor windows have six over six sash. Evidence exists that the sills and lintels were originally brownstone; over the years, many have been painted or replaced with brick (lintels) or stone (sills). Brick panels exist between the windows on the second and third floors. The building is almost square in plan with a four-story small wing projecting from the center of the rear (east) wall.

Many uses of the building since its construction in the 1850's has eliminated much original detail except for a pair of marble mantels and some pieces of the plaster cornice on the second floor (803) and the original balluster above the second floor (803). The c. 1930's entrance has a leaded fan light and side lights.

Since its construction in the 1850's, 803-805 Cathedral has been a school, two single family residences, apartments, offices, and in the 1950's medical offices. The 1930's renovation involved the addition of structural steel to support the upper floors to create a lobby on the first floor. The last renovation involved the installation of numerous partitions to create medical examining., roomsi'. linoleum flooring, dropped ceilings and man-made/ imitation wood paneling.

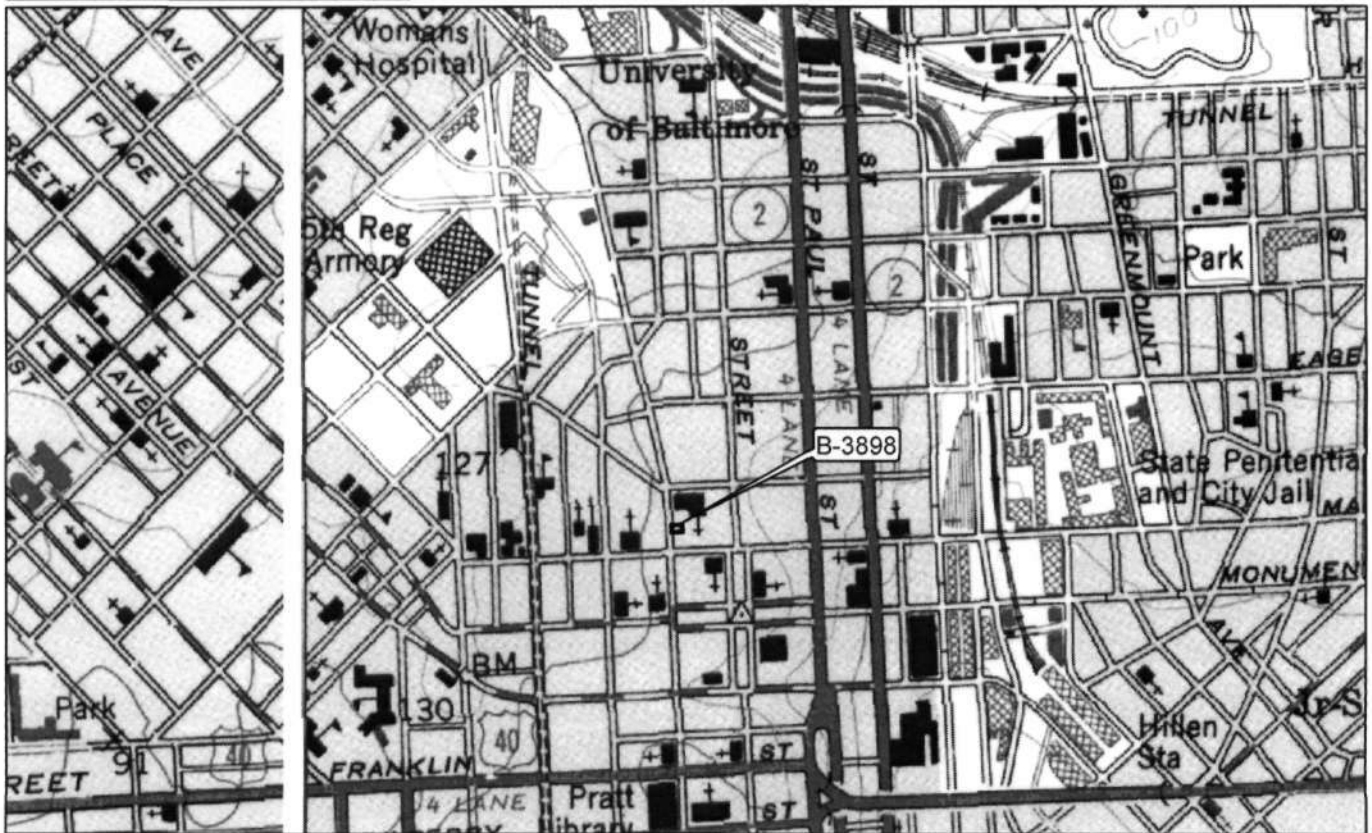
Asymmetrically placed dormers light the attic.

3. Statement of Significance (continued)

mid to late 19th century row houses. 803 Cathedral Street is typical in size and construction date with the five-bay houses in the southern part of the district (e.g. 8 West Mount Vernon Place, 706 Cathedral Street and 103 and 105 West Monument Street).

803 Cathedral was constructed in the 1850's probably by Nathaniel Holmes Morison (1815-1890). Morison was born in New Hampshire and educated Harvard before coming to Baltimore to found a ladies' academy. Morison also became the first provost of the Peabody Conservatory. Morison's Academy for Young Ladies operated in the property until 1887. The property was divided and sold in 1893 for two residences. In 1937 it was reunited under one owner. At that time the building underwent a major renovation. In the 1950's the building became doctor's offices. The conversion for medical use was common during the 1950's and 1960's in Mount Vernon providing adaptive uses important to the preservation of the neighborhood.

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803-805 Cathedral Street
Block 0516, Lot 015
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.



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PHOTO A

803 Cathedral Street

West Elevation

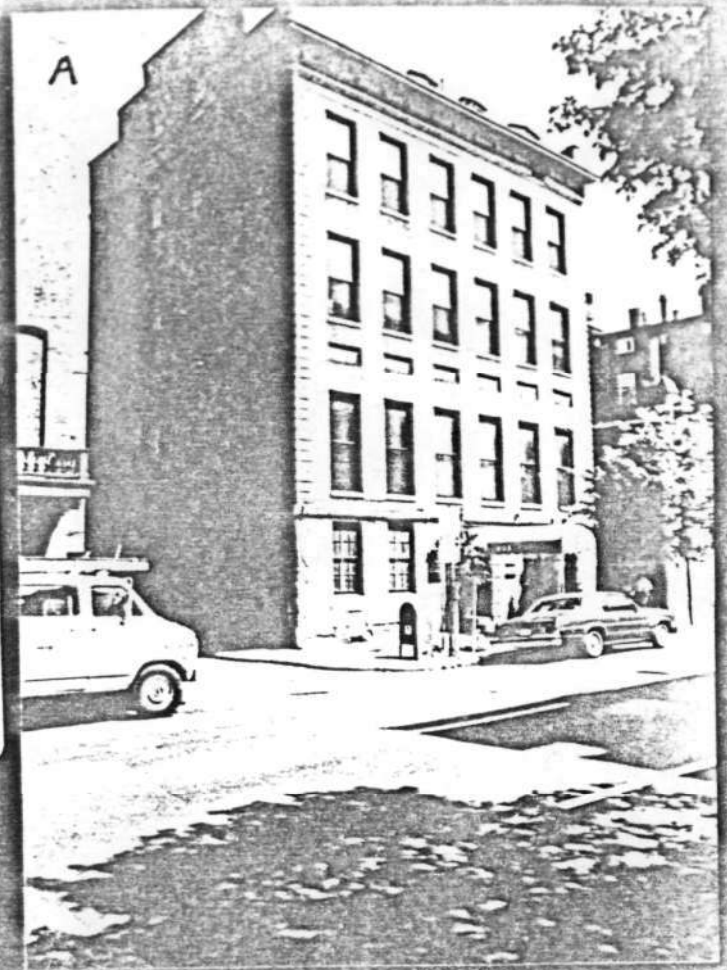


PHOTO B

East side of 800 block of
Cathedral Street
looking north to Read Street

